

Senate Resolution 3 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

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1 A Resolution designating February 28, 2023, as
2 Community College Day.

3 WHEREAS, the first junior college in Iowa, a
4 two-year postsecondary educational institution, was
5 established in Mason City in 1918; and

6 WHEREAS, credit enrollment in community colleges in
7 Iowa has increased progressively since their inception,
8 with nearly 118,000 students taking over 1.5 million
9 credit hours in the last calendar year; and

10 WHEREAS, minority enrollment in community colleges
11 in Iowa continues to increase, with a record high of
12 24.3 percent recorded in the last academic year; and

13 WHEREAS, more than 17,000 credit awards were
14 successfully achieved by students in the last academic
15 year, and 15.7 percent of students continued their
16 education at a four-year school after receiving an
17 award; and

18 WHEREAS, in the last academic year, the Iowa Skilled
19 Worker and Job Creation Fund provided training and
20 support to more than 1,000 Gap Tuition Assistance
21 Program participants, 2,800 Pathways for Academic
22 Career and Employment Program (PACE) participants,
23 and 95,000 teachers and kindergarten through grade
24 12 students who engaged in work-based learning
25 opportunities; NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
27 designates February 28, 2023, as Community College Day
28 to educate others about the success that community

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1 colleges have had, continue to have, and will have in
2 the future for Iowa's students, workforce, and economy.